

A SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A MERGING DRIVER FOR
ACCESSING MULTIPLE DATA SOURCES

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A method enables access of a plurality of data
sources by a single access operation where each data
source in the plurality of data sources requires a
different driver to access the data source so that there
is a plurality of different drivers. The method includes
15 using an application programming interface (API) for each
driver in the plurality of different drivers. The API is
substantially identical for each of the drivers in the
plurality of different drivers. A merging driver
receives the single access operation, and in response to
20 the single access operation, the merging driver accesses
the plurality of different drivers through the API.